

LMIT names Sprint as wireless provider

Lockheed Martin Information Technology and Sprint have signed a four-year agreement that has added, and will continue to add, enhanced cellular/personal communication services to the Hanford Site.

In a cooperative effort, LMIT and Sprint focused on offering enhanced Hanford Site coverage for both cellular/PCS and data services. This new endeavor has resulted in a robust and integrated infrastructure that offers competitive pricing and supports several of the latest wireless technologies in the industry for data integration. This new integrated cellular service is optional for Hanford Site contractors.

The new offerings include service-plan options that are directed at better meeting Hanford Site contractor business needs. Examples of new options include unlimited Sprint PCS-phone-to-Sprint PCS-phone usage, pooling minute plans, parallel ringing, voice-mail integration, data integration and vastly improved coverage across the Hanford Site.



Dave Gilbert of LMIT Procurement shakes hands with Eloy De La O, Jr., Sprint Vice President of Business Sales, after the PCS cellular contract was signed.

Coverage now exists on site where none was previously available. Additionally, contractors can select from a number of billing plans such as stipends, which allow fixed-amount billing, and the ability to bill employees for balances above stipends. Sprint wireless has been integrated under the umbrella of existing LMIT information services so that contractors can order wireless services the same way they order phone and computer services now.

Of significance to the Hanford Site was Sprint's commitment to invest in its infrastructure and build four new towers on site to improve wireless coverage. The towers were installed in early May and currently support voice services. By July, Hanford Local Area Network services will be integrated with Sprint third-generation phones, which will give users secure access to e-mails and calendar information from mobile phones. Ongoing parallel efforts include expanding use of wireless to site applications, photo technology and streaming video.

Cellular services information is available from the LMIT Information Resource Management Web site at <http://www.rl.gov/irms>, or you may contact Michele Sauer of LMIT at 376-1210 or Christina Churchman of Sprint at 308-8145. ■